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25X1 1. Unemployed men of the 1930 and 1931 classes were summoned to the BRANDENBURG (N 53/X 25) labor office and ordered to report at once to the police. There they were called upon to sign up for three years of service with the police. When hesitating, the unemployed were told that they would be affected by a universal service law in three months. Still refusing to sign, they were sent away with the words "we shall meet again in three months".

2. Most of the unemployed signed up for police service from fear that a later report to the labor office may mean compulsory draft for work in AUE (N 51/X 53).

25X1 [] Comment:

25X1 Numerous [] newspapers of the recent months stated that a law for compulsory military service had been passed or would be passed in the immediate future in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Such reports have so far not been given credence. This report is believed to give a good picture of the recruiting methods of the Soviet Zone German police.

25X1 [] Comment:

The role of the labor offices in recruiting men for service with the police gives rise to the conclusion that, should a law on universal military training be passed, the labor offices may assume the duties of military replacement and recruiting agencies. These offices have at their disposal trained personnel, complete files, physicians for medical examinations, records on economic requirements for persons to be classified as indispensable and, last but not least, information on the political attitude of the draftees.

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